



DARK NIGHTS

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BATMAN

THE DAWN BREAKER

METAL
TIE-IN

FABOK
2017

Humphries
Van Sciver
Wright

EARTH '32. GOTHAM CITY.

These are the stories from
the Dark Multiverse that
should NEVER be...

Witness the rise of
the Dark Knights...

HOW DID
I FEEL?

IN THAT MOMENT,
WHEN MY WHOLE
WORLD CHANGED?



WE'RE
DONE HERE,
KID.

GET
DOWN ON YOUR
KNEES, CLOSE YOUR
EYES, AND YOU AIN'T
GONNA GET HURT.

WHEN I STOOD THERE
HELPLESS AS MY MOM AND
DAD'S BLOOD WAS RUNNING
INTO THE GUTTER?

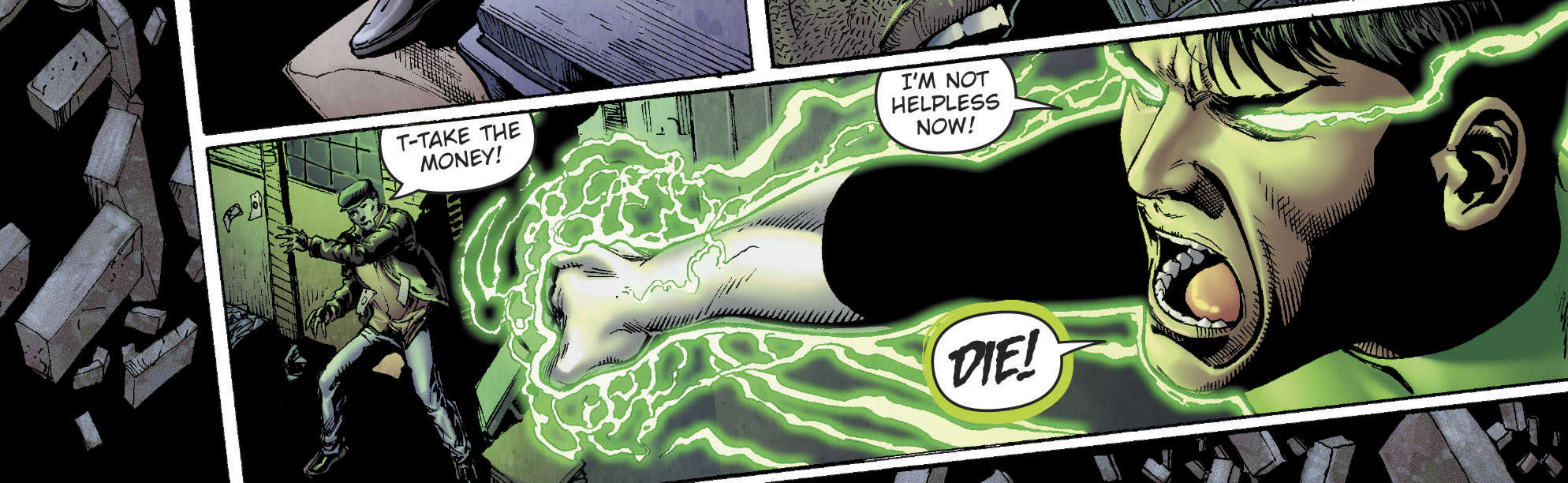
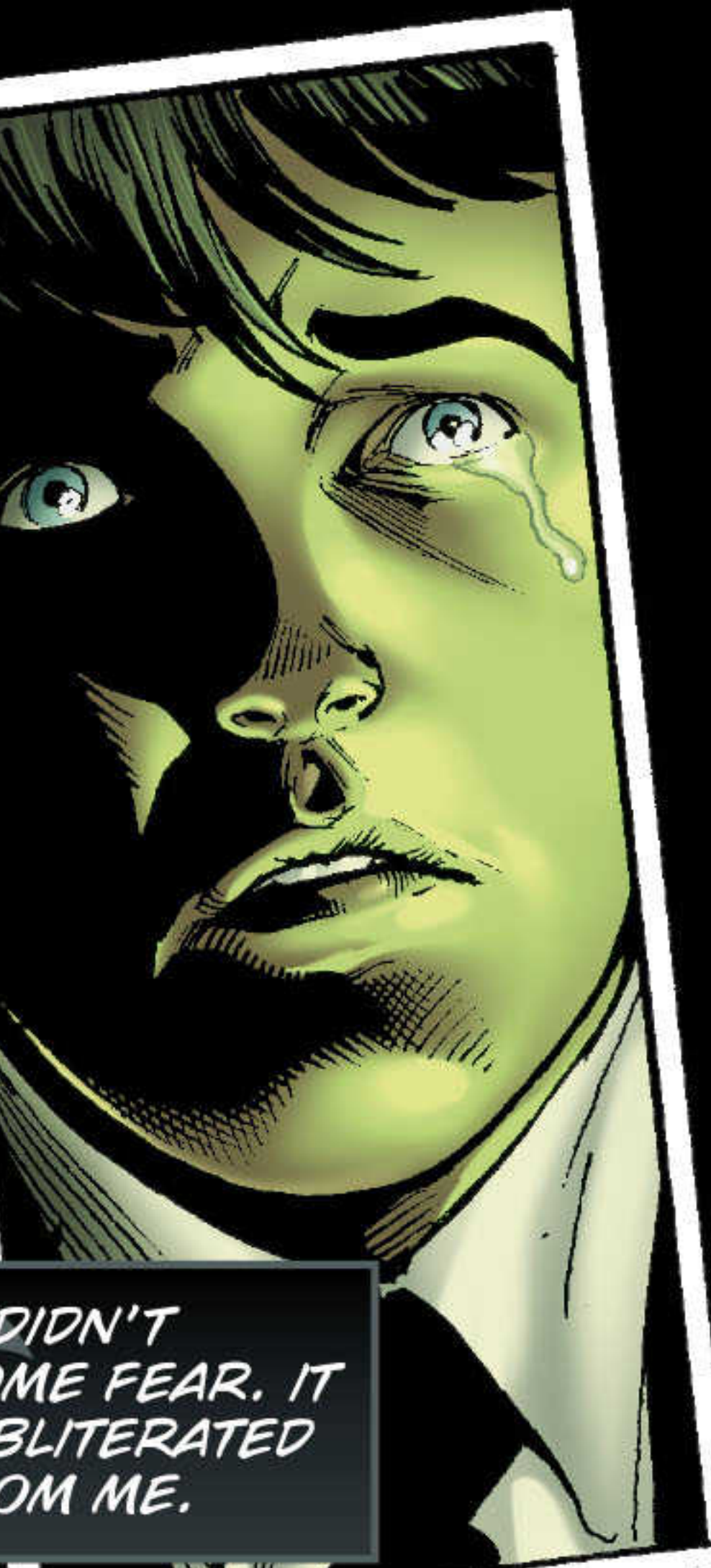
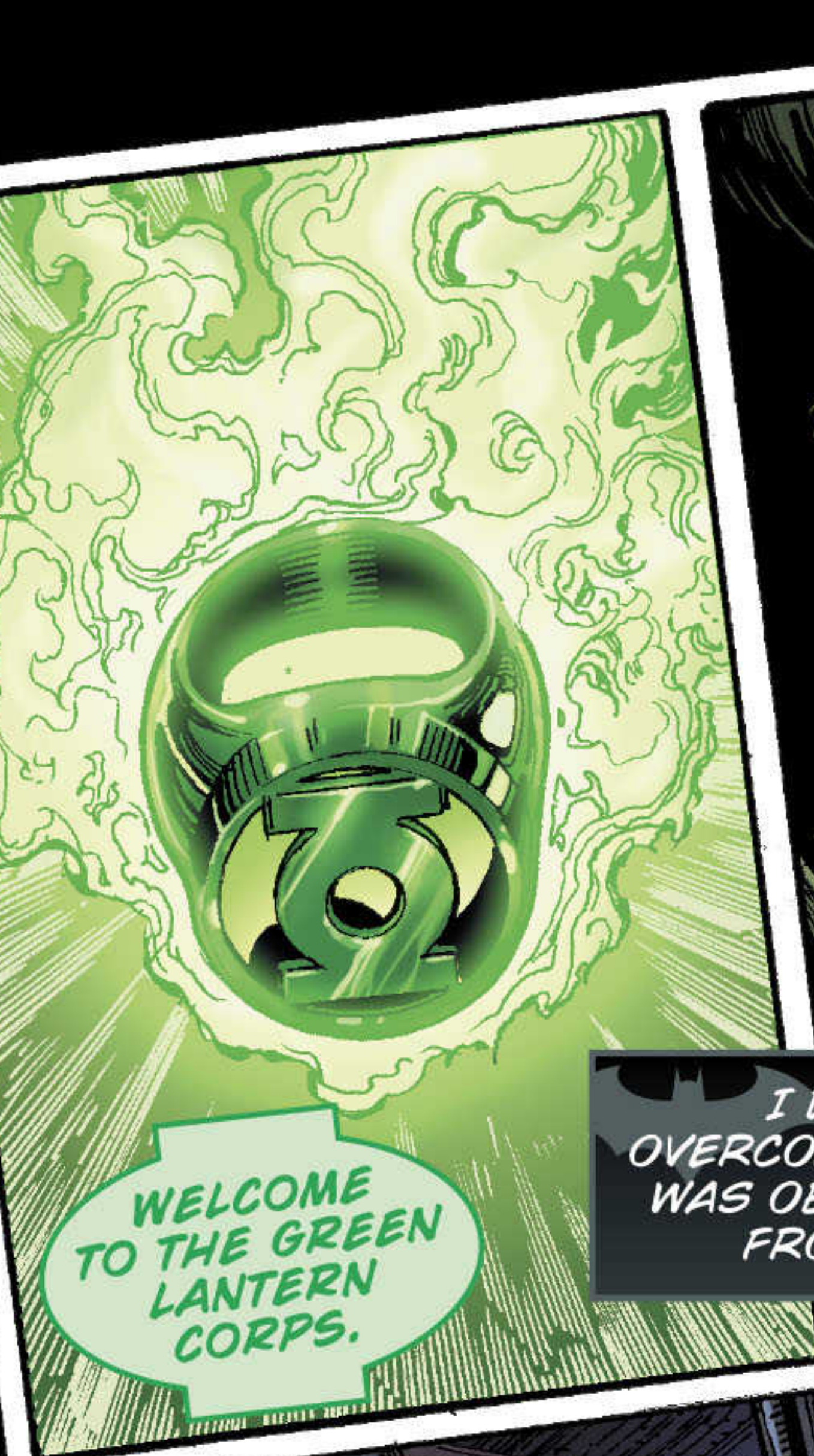
I FELT...
NOTHING.

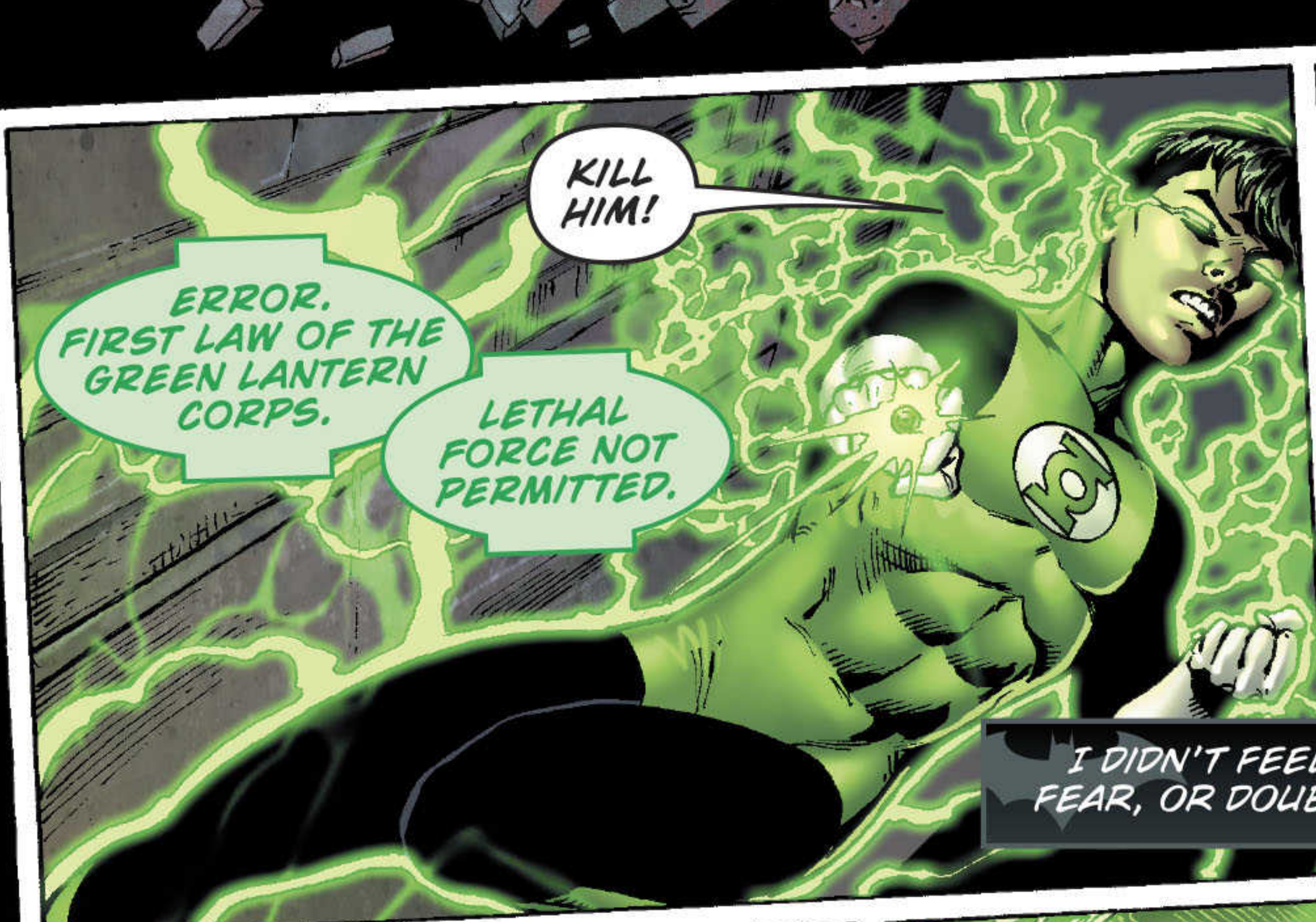
LIKE THE SKY AND THE
GROUND BROKE APART
AND ALL THAT WAS
LEFT WAS A VOID AS
BIG AS EVERYTHING.

NOT EVEN
FEAR.

I DIDN'T FEEL
ANYTHING.

AND THAT VOID
WAS INSIDE ME.



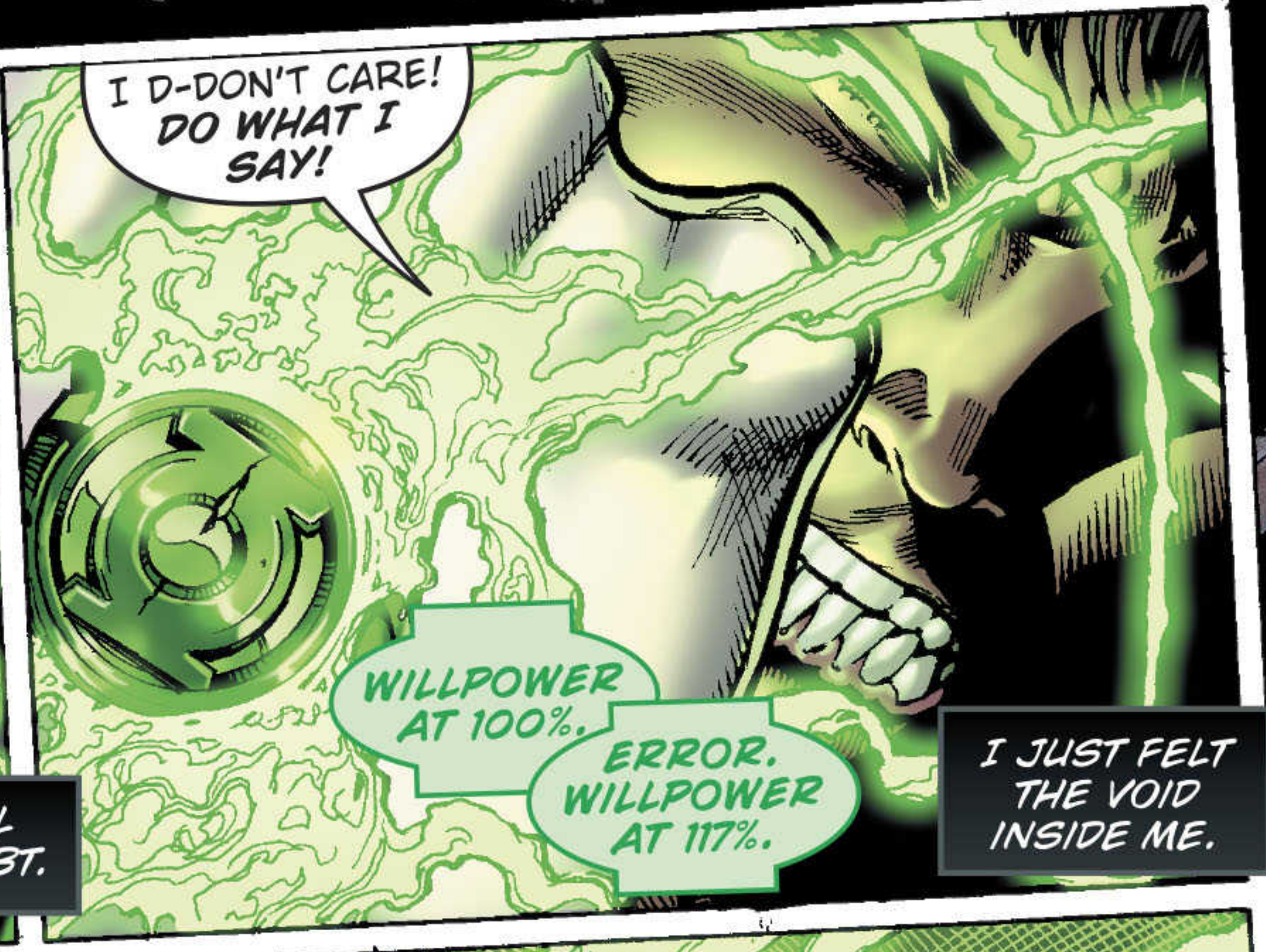


KILL HIM!

ERROR.
FIRST LAW OF THE
GREEN LANTERN
CORPS.

LETHAL
FORCE NOT
PERMITTED.

I DIDN'T FEEL
FEAR, OR DOUBT.



I D-DON'T CARE!
DO WHAT I
SAY!

WILLPOWER
AT 100%.

ERROR.
WILLPOWER
AT 117%.

I JUST FELT
THE VOID
INSIDE ME.



HE
DESERVES
TO DIE!

ERROR.
WILLPOWER
AT 181%.



ERROR.
WILLPOWER
EXCEEDS--
SKWAAAAAK

MALFUUUUNCTKRXBLT0Z--



LETHAL FORCE
ENABLED.

GAAAAAAUGH--!

AND I HAD TO
LET IT OUT.



I HAD THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE ON MY FINGER.



R-RING...BRING MY MOM AND DAD BACK.

BUT I WOULD HAVE GIVEN IT UP TO HAVE MY MOM AND DAD.



ACTIVATING.

BBBBBRRUUUUUCE...

WE LOOOOOVE YOUUUU...



I WOULD HAVE TRADED EVERYTHING SO I DIDN'T FEEL SO HELPLESS. SO...



...ALONE.

THEY CALLED ME
HERO, AT FIRST.

GREEN
LANTERN.
WASN'T SURE
YOU'D **SHOW**
UP.

GORDON.
I ADVISE YOU TO
REMAIN **POLITE** WITH
ME. THE LAST COP
WHO THREATENED
ME **REGRETTED**
IT...

W-WE'VE
GOT A COUPLE
OF **MISSING**
PERSONS CASES,
THOUGHT YOU
MIGHT FIND IT
COMPELLING.

MOST
RECENTLY, MY
DETECTIVES HAVE
BEEN **TRAILING** A
PARTICULAR
INDIVIDUAL.

THAT TITLE
DIDN'T LAST
LONG.

I KILLED WITHOUT
REMORSE OR
BOUNDARIES. WHY
DID THEY DESERVE
TO LIVE WHEN MY
PARENTS DIDN'T?

WHY?!



HE DISAPPEARED
SUDDENLY TUESDAY
NIGHT.

WH-WHAT
WERE YOU
DOING TUESDAY
NIGHT?

OKAY,
OKAY. I FIGURED
OUT YOUR GAME. I
KNOW WHO YOU'RE
MISSING--

PENGUIN!

BOSS!
IT'S THE
KID!

CHRIST!
HE'S GONNA
MURDER
US!

KILL HIM
FIRST!

LANTERN.
WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
HIM?!

"JUST LOOK
UP, JIMMY."

KRAKAKAKA



RING?!

INITIATING
BLACKOUT.

THE RING WORKED
BY WILLPOWER.

AND I'M WILLFUL
TO AN EXTREME.

BUT THE VOID WAS
INSIDE ME, TOO.



I CRACKED
OPEN THE RING.
PUSHED IT PAST
THE LIGHT.



I LET THE
DARKNESS
INSIDE ME
ESCAPE.

YAAAAAGH!

SKREEEE!

OH GOD,
OH GOD...
HUURK!

AND IN THE
DARKNESS...

...I WASN'T
ALONE ANYMORE.



LANTERN...
THIS HAS TO
STOP. THIS ISN'T
JUSTICE.

I-I DON'T
CARE WHAT YOU CAN
DO TO ME, SOMEONE HAS
TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S
RIGHT! WHAT YOU DID TO
DETECTIVE BULLOCK...
GOD HELP HIM. I KNOW
YOU'RE HURTING,
BUT--

YOU
DON'T KNOW
ME.

I'M
NOT AN IDIOT. IT
WAS ONLY A COUPLE
YEARS AGO. "THREE
DEAD IN CRIME
ALLEY."

AREN'T
YOU TIRED OF
FEELING LIKE
THIS...

...BRUCE?

SHUT UP,
GORDON!

YOU HAVE
A DAUGHTER,
RIGHT?

SAD.

SHE'LL
HAVE TO GROW
UP WITHOUT HER
FATHER...
ALONE.

ENOUGH!

ALERT.

BRUCE
WAYNE OF
SECTOR
2814--



INCOMING
GREEN LANTERN
CORPS.

YOU
ARE A DAMAGED
LANTERN. AND WE
ARE HERE TO FIX YOUR
TRANSGRESSION.

YOU
HAVE DONE THE
UNIMAGINABLE--YOU
LET DARKNESS INTO
YOUR RING! THIS COULD
POLLUTE THE ENTIRE
GREEN LANTERN
CORPS!

HAND
OVER YOUR
RING, NOW!

GANTHET,
YOU'RE ALL IN
A TIZZY OVER
THIS SCRAWNY
POOZER?

LEAVE
'IM TO ME.

WHOA!
THIS IS WILD!
THERE'S A TON
OF YOU!
BUT...

RING?

INITIALIZING
BLACKOUT.

I'VE GOT
FRIENDS NOW,
TOO.

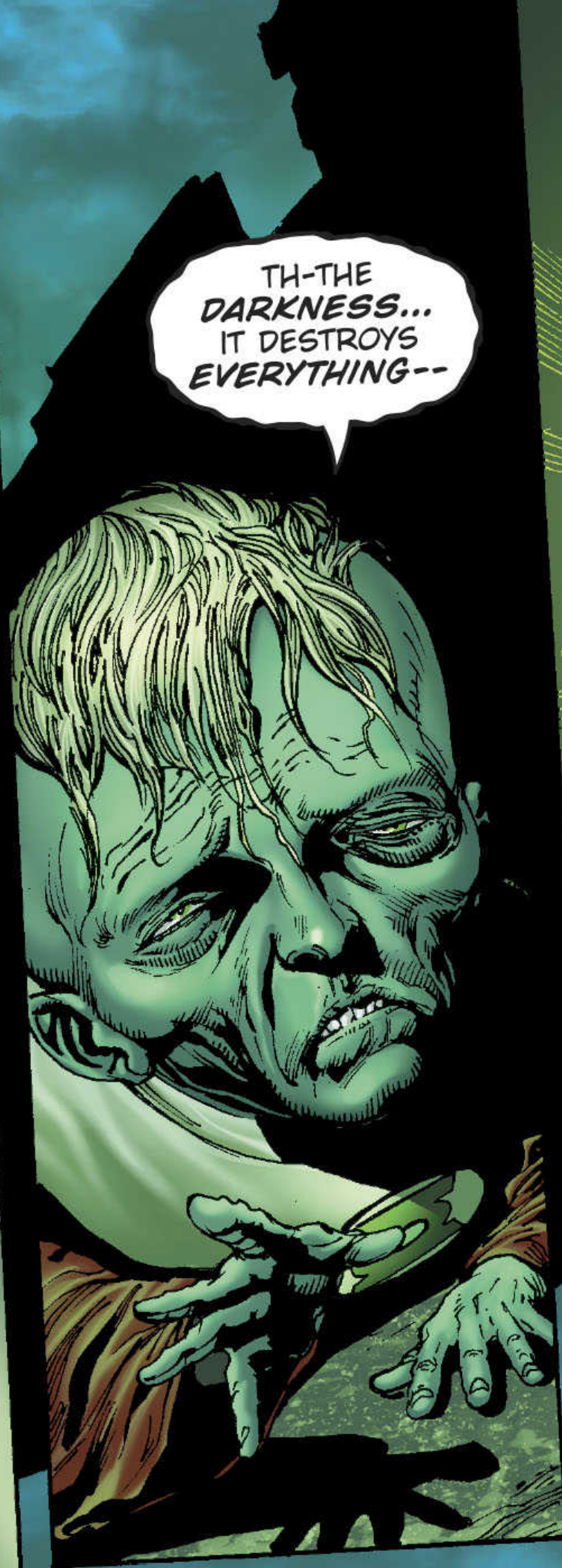
I MADE
THEM IN THE
DARK.

CHREEEE!



SSS...

STOP.



TH-THE
DARKNESS...
IT DESTROYS
EVERYTHING--



STILL, I FELT
THE SAME.

CAN YOU
IMAGINE?

THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON
ON MY FINGER...AND STILL I
FELT VULNERABLE. HELPLESS.



I MISSED
THEM.

I COULDN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO
BE BRUCE WAYNE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO
BE GREEN LANTERN.

STANDING IN FRONT OF A LANTERN...
BUT FEELING SUBMERGED IN
SHADOW. LIKE I NEVER LEFT THE CAVE
UNDER MY MOM AND DAD'S HOUSE,
WITH THE DARKNESS, AND THE BATS.

SO I BECAME...

BATMAN

THE DAWNBREAKER

WITH
DARKNESS
BLACK, I
CHOKE THE
LIGHT!

NO
BRIGHTEST
DAY ESCAPES
MY *SIGHT*!

I TURN
THE DAWN TO
MIDNIGHT!

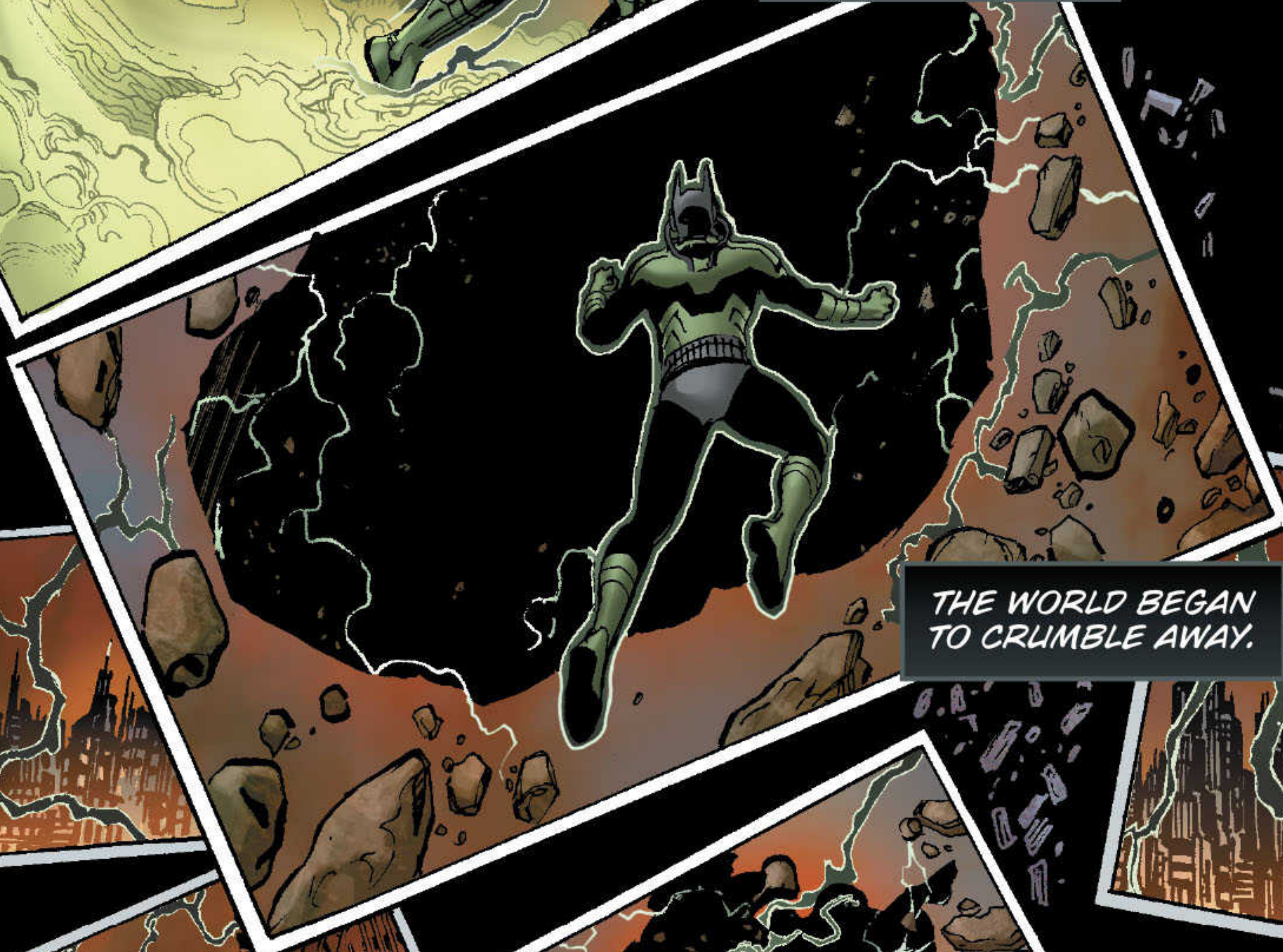
BEWARE
MY POWER--

**DAWNBREAKER'S
MIGHT!**

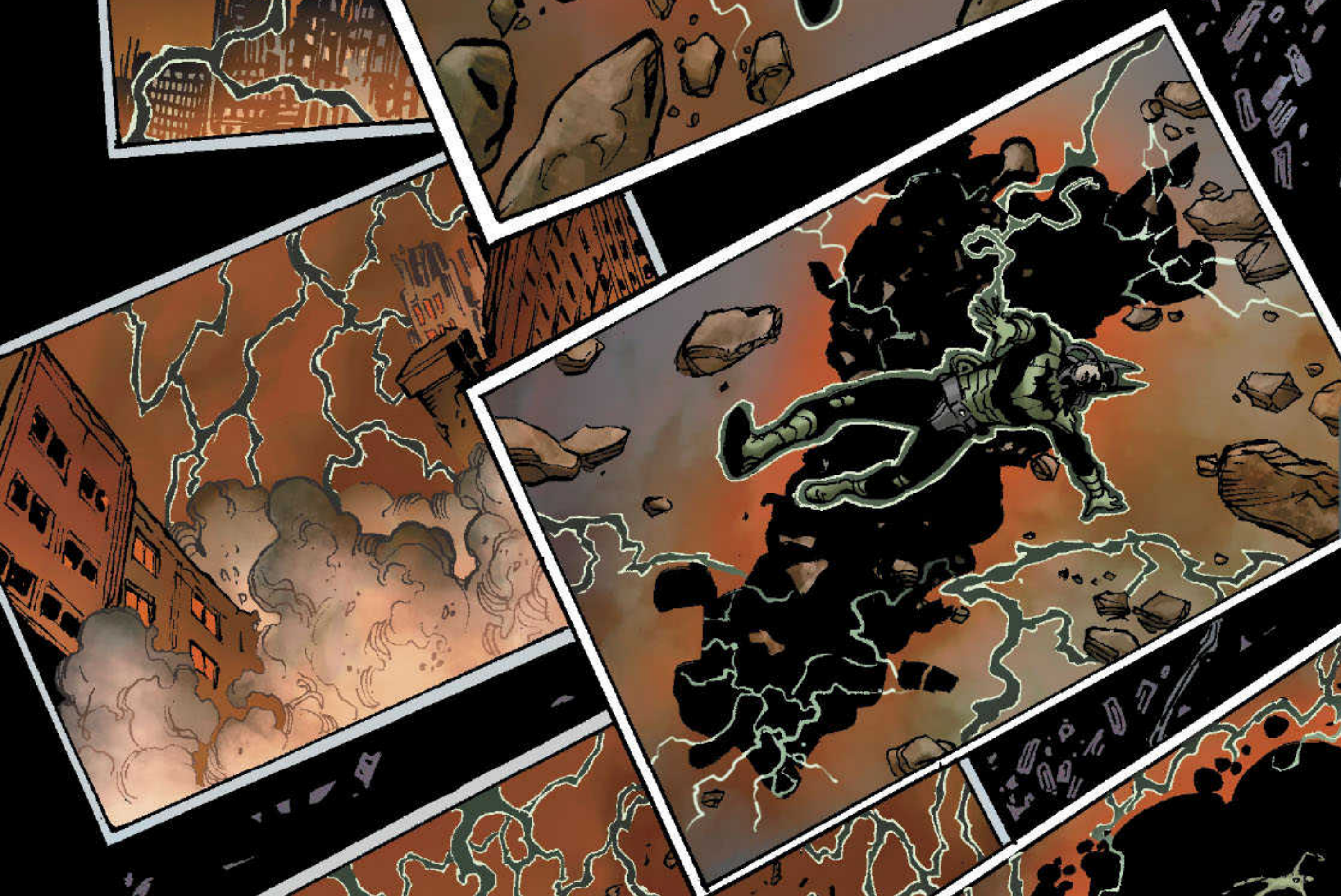




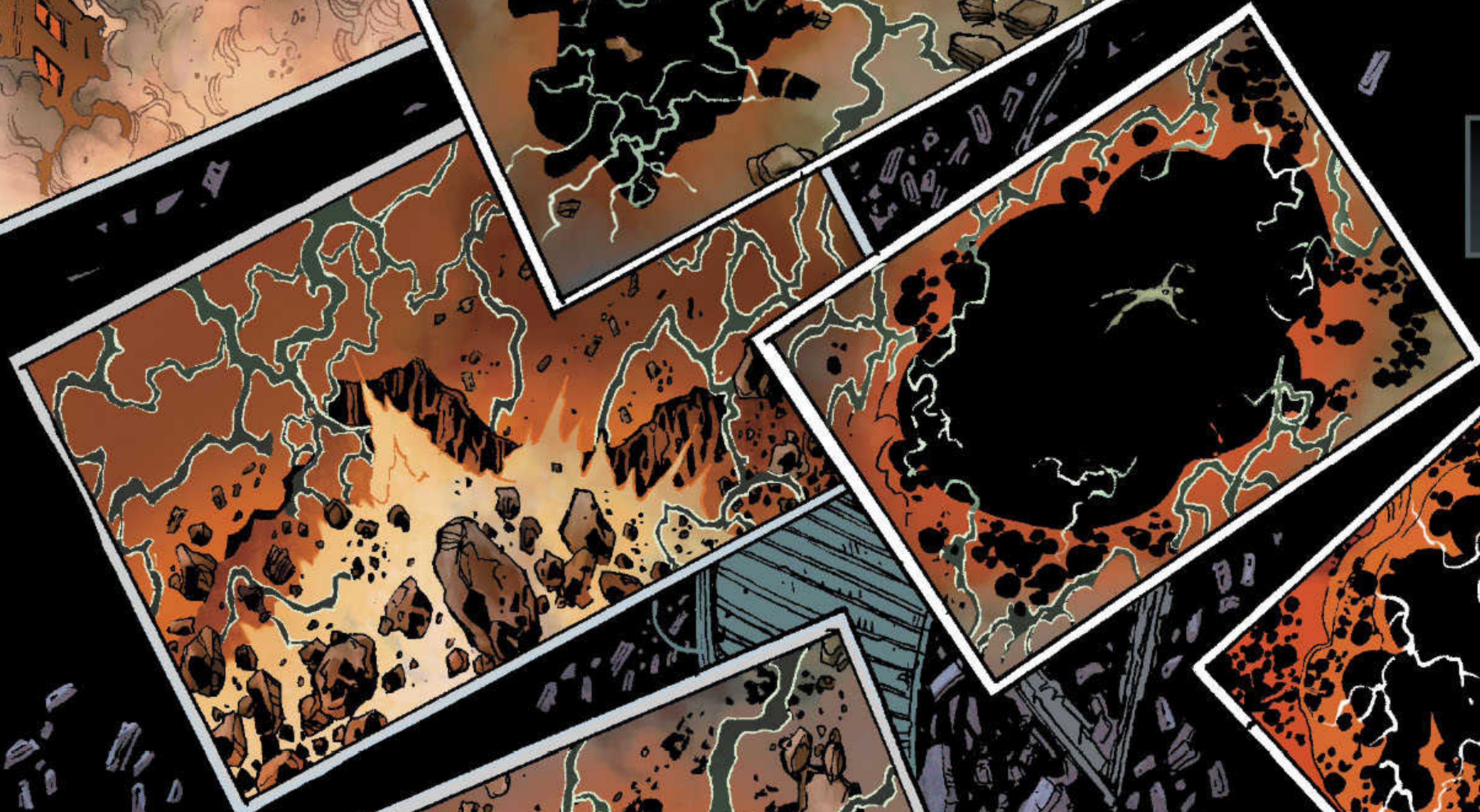
AND JUST AT THAT MOMENT...



THE WORLD BEGAN TO CRUMBLE AWAY.



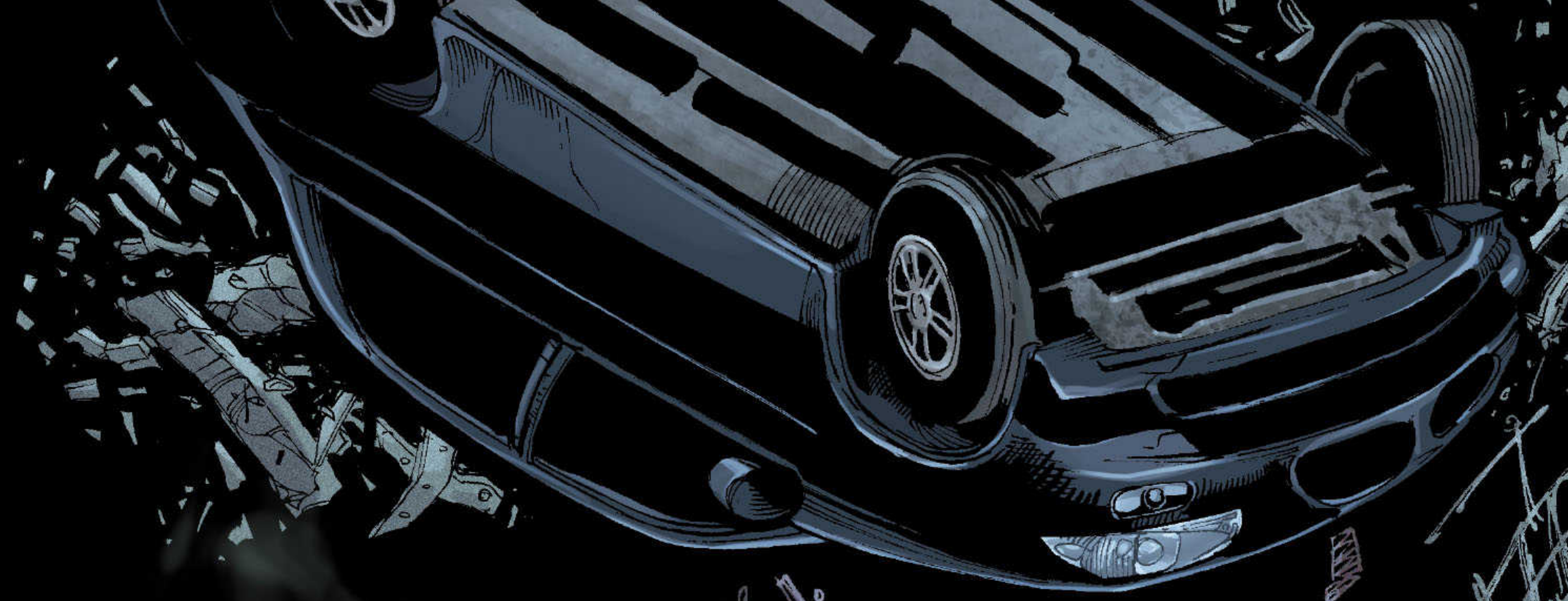
I RECOGNIZED IT IMMEDIATELY.



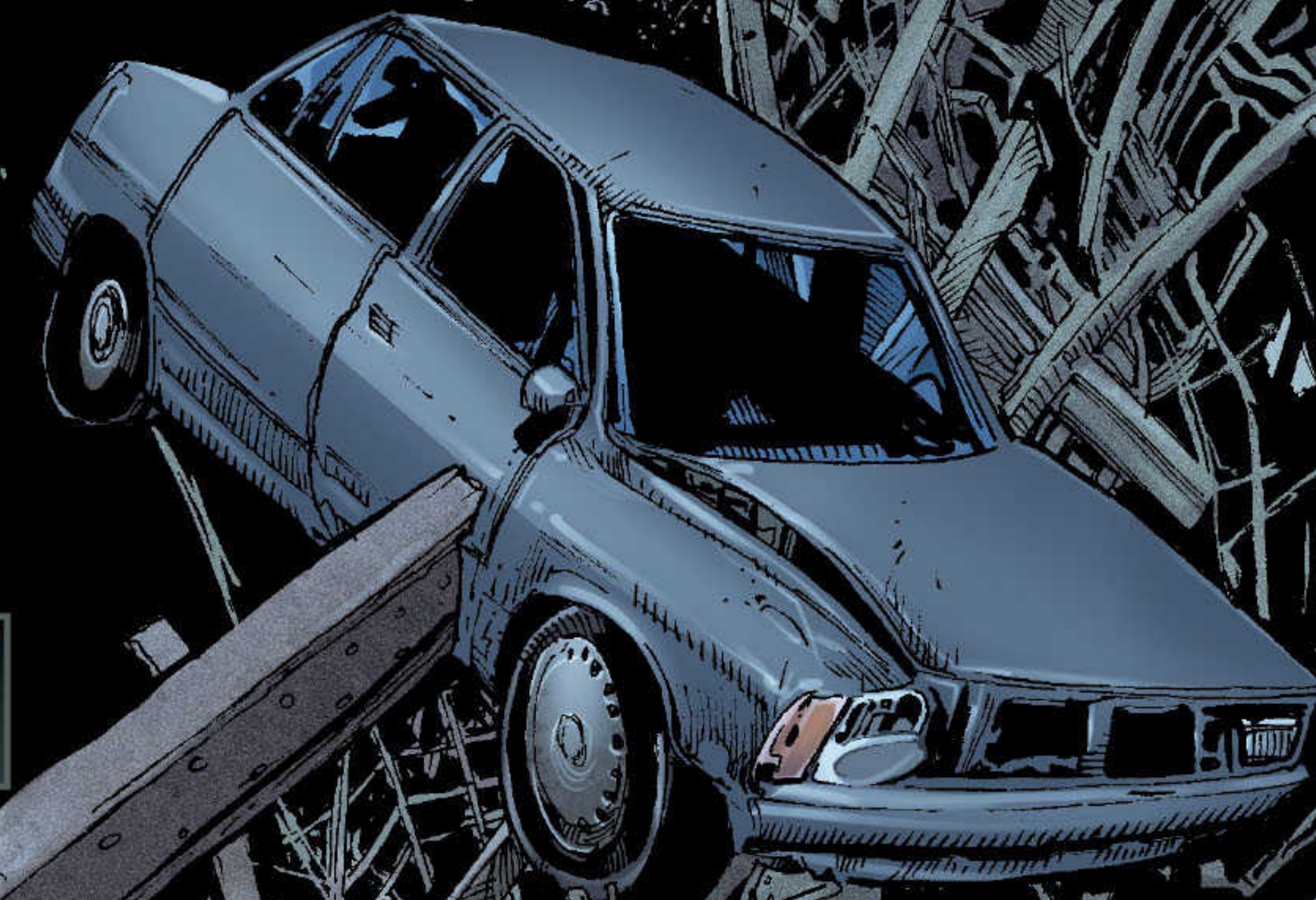
IT WAS THE SAME AS THE VOID INSIDE ME.



THE DARKNESS THAT CONSUMES ALL LIGHT.



I COULDN'T EVEN SEE THE STARS.



NICE EARTH YOU GOT HERE. HOW'S IT WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

MOTEL

CALL ME
THE MAN WHO
LAUGHS. AND I AM
RECRUITING.

THIS
IS THE **RED
DEATH**, AND
THE **MURDER
MACHINE**?

YOU'LL BE
FAST FRIENDS,
I'M **SURE**. YOU HAVE
SO MANY THINGS IN
COMMON. **REVENGE**,
JUSTICE...**FIRST
NAMES**...

THERE IS
A WORLD **BATHED
IN LIGHT**. THE PEOPLE
THERE ARE **FOOLS**. THEY
DESERVE TO BE **DRAGGED**
INTO THE **DARK**. THEIR
WORLD WILL **CRUMBLE**.
LIKE **YOURS**.

MY LORD
BARBATOS
DEMANDS
IT.

YOU ARE
A **WARRIOR OF
THE DARKNESS**. YOU
CAN **EXTINGUISH**
THE **LIGHTS OF
THIS BRIGHT
WORLD**.

AND IF YOU
DO...**BARBATOS**
WILL **SPARE** YOU FROM
THIS **OBLIVION**
AND GIVE YOU BACK
WHAT YOU MOST
DESIRE...

...YOUR
PARENTS BACK...
ALIVE.

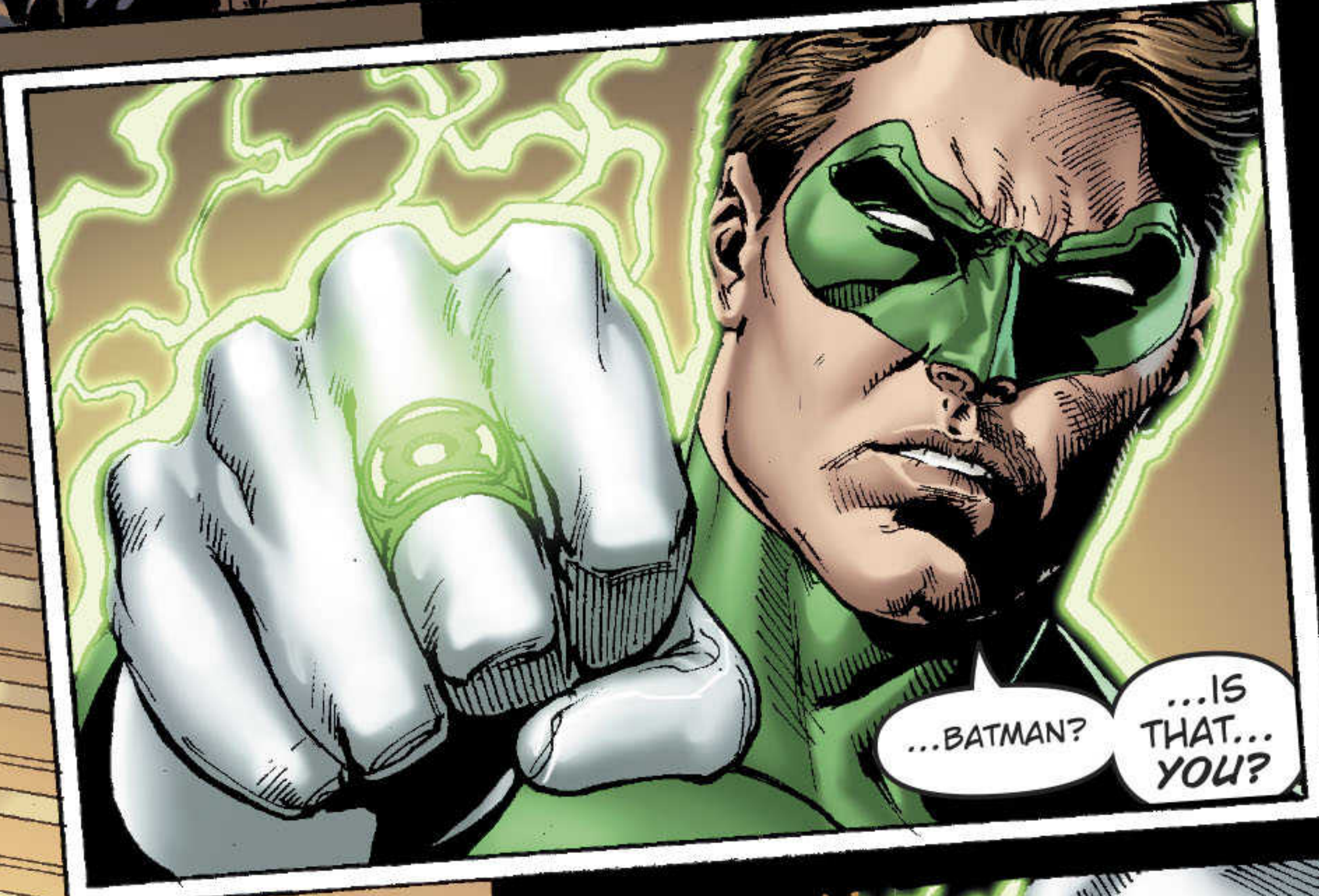
ALL MY LORD
DEMANDS IS YOUR
OBEDIENCE.

WILL YOU
KNEEL?

OR
WILL YOU
DIE?



EARTH-0. First world and bright beacon of the Multiverse.





RING!
GET THIS OFF
ME--!

...I'VE
KILLED GREEN
LANTERNS
BEFORE!
AND
I'LL DO IT
AGAIN!

CONSTRUCT
OF UNKNOWN
COMPOSITION.

POWER
RING IS NOT
OPERATING
CORRECTLY.

IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T TELL ME
IMPOSSIBLE!
JUST FIGHT
BACK!

MALFUNCTION,
HAL JORDAN.

THERE
IS NO
LIGHT.

THERE
IS NO
LIGHT.

ARTT

QUICKLY.

DR.
FATE?!

YOU
ARE NEEDED
ELSEWHERE, HAL
JORDAN.

NO!
I HAVE TO
SAVE COAST
CITY--!

YOU
HAVE NO
CHOICE.

IF THE
MULTIVERSE...

...IS TO
SURVIVE.



INITIATING
BLACKOUT.

A WORLD
OF LIGHT.

A CITY
OF HOPE.

DISGUSTING.

LET THEM FEEL
HELPLESS.

LET THEM FEEL
THE VOID.

LET THEM
FEEL--





BATMAN
THE DAWNBREAKER

IN

**FEAR OF
THE DARK**

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